

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

13. (New) A semiconductor memory card for storing audio information with corresponding text information and type information, said semiconductor memory card comprising:

a text storage area;

text information which is stored in a consecutive manner from a start of said text storage area;

and

type information which is indicative of whether said text information is type (a), type (b), or type (c) as follows:

type (a) indicates that said text information includes a 1-byte character code sequence;

type (b) indicates that said text information includes a 2-byte character code sequence; and

type (c) indicates that said text information includes a 1-byte character code sequence and the 2-byte character code sequence;

wherein the 1-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 1-byte tag and a plurality of 1-byte character codes, the 1-byte tag indicating a name of an item, and the plurality of 1-byte character codes indicating a content of the item;

wherein the 2-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 2-byte tag and a plurality of 2-byte character codes, the 2-byte tag indicating a name of an item, and the plurality of 2-byte character codes indicating a content of the item;

wherein said type information is a first terminated code and a second terminated code which are included in said text information;

wherein the first terminated code is stored at the start of said text storage area when said text information stored in said text storage area does not include the 1-byte character code sequence, and

the first terminated code is stored in said text storage area at the end of the 1-byte character code sequence when said text information stored in said text storage area includes the 1-byte character code sequence;

wherein the second terminated code is stored in said text storage area at a position immediately after the first terminated code when said text information stored in said text storage area does not include the 2-byte character code sequence, and the second terminated code is stored in said text storage area at the end of the 2-byte character code sequence when the text information stored in said text storage area includes the 2-byte character code sequence; and

wherein a storage position of the first terminated code and a storage position of the second terminated code in said text storage area are indicative of whether said text information is type (a), type (b), or type (c).

14. (New) A recording apparatus for storing audio information with corresponding text information and type information onto a semiconductor memory card which can be inserted into and/or removed from said recording apparatus, the semiconductor memory card including a text storage area, said recording apparatus comprising:

a first recording device operable to record audio information onto the semiconductor memory card; and

a second recording device operable to record text information in a consecutive manner from a start of the text storage area and operable to record type information which is indicative of whether the text information is type (a), type (b), or type (c) as follows:

type (a) indicates that the text information includes a 1-byte character code sequence;

type (b) indicates that the text information includes a 2-byte character code sequence;

and

type (c) indicates that the text information includes a 1-byte character code sequence and the 2-byte character code sequence;

wherein the 1-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 1-byte tag and a plurality of 1-byte character codes, the 1-byte tag indicating a name of an item, and the plurality of 1-byte character codes indicating a content of the item;

wherein the 2-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 2-byte tag and a plurality of 2-byte character codes, the 2-byte tag indicating a name of an item, and the plurality of 2-byte character codes indicating a content of the item;

wherein said type information is a first terminated code and a second terminated code which are included in the text information;

wherein the first terminated code is stored at the start of the text storage area when the text information stored in the text storage area does not include the 1-byte character code sequence, and the first terminated code is stored in the text storage area at the end of the 1-byte character code sequence when the text information stored in the text storage area includes the 1-byte character code sequence;

wherein the second terminated code is stored in the text storage area at a position immediately after the first terminated code when the text information stored in the text storage area does not include the 2-byte character code sequence, and the second terminated code is stored in the text storage area at the end of the 2-byte character code sequence when the text information stored in the text storage area includes the 2-byte character code sequence; and

wherein a storage position of the first terminated code and a storage position of the second terminated code in the text storage area are indicative of whether the text information is type (a), type (b), or type (c).

15. (New) A recording/reproducing apparatus for recording/reading audio information with corresponding text information and type information to/from a semiconductor memory card which can be inserted into and/or removed from said recording/reproducing apparatus, the semiconductor memory card including a text storage area, said recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:

a first recording device operable to record audio information onto the semiconductor memory card; and

a second recording device operable to record text information in a consecutive manner from a start of the text storage area and operable to record type information which is indicative of whether the text information is type (a), type (b), or type (c) as follows:

type (a) indicates that the text information includes a 1-byte character code sequence;

type (b) indicates that the text information includes a 2-byte character code sequence;

and

type (c) indicates that the text information includes a 1-byte character code sequence and the 2-byte character code sequence;

wherein the 1-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 1-byte tag and a plurality of 1-byte character codes, the 1-byte tag indicating a name of an item, and the plurality of 1-byte character codes indicating a content of the item;

wherein the 2-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 2-byte tag and a plurality of 2-byte character codes, the 2-byte tag indicating a name of an item, and the plurality of 2-byte character codes indicating a content of the item; and

a read-out device operable to read out audio information and corresponding text information and type information from the semiconductor memory card;

wherein the type information is a first terminated code and a second terminated code which are included in the text information;

wherein the first terminated code is stored at the start of the text storage area when the text information stored in the text storage area does not include the 1-byte character code sequence, and the first terminated code is stored in the text storage area at the end of the 1-byte character code sequence when the text information stored in the text storage area includes the 1-byte character code sequence;

wherein the second terminated code is stored in the text storage area at a position immediately after the first terminated code when the text information stored in the text storage area does not

include the 2-byte character code sequence, and the second terminated code is stored in the text storage area at the end of the 2-byte character code sequence when the text information stored in the text storage area includes the 2-byte character code sequence; and

wherein a storage position of the first terminated code and a storage position of the second terminated code in the text storage area are indicative of whether the text information is type (a), type (b), or type (c);

a reproducing device operable to reproduce the read out audio information; and

a control device operable to control a display unit to display either the 1-byte character code sequence or a 2-byte character code sequence in accordance with the read out type information.

16. **(New)** A recording/reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 15, further comprising:

an identification mark information storing device operable to store pairs of the item of the text information and mark information;

wherein the control device controls the display unit to display the content of the item with the corresponding mark information in accordance with the read out type information.

17. **(New)** A reproducing apparatus for reading out audio information with corresponding text information and type information from a semiconductor memory card which can be inserted into and/or removed from said reproducing apparatus, the semiconductor memory card including a text storage area, said reproducing apparatus comprising:

a read-out device operable to read out audio information and corresponding text information and type information from the semiconductor memory card;

wherein the text information is stored in a consecutive manner from a start of the text storage area and the type information is indicative of whether the text information is type (a), type (b), or type (c) as follows:

type (a) indicates that the text information includes a 1-byte character code sequence;

type (b) indicates that the text information includes a 2-byte character code sequence;
and

type (c) indicates that the text information includes a 1-byte character code sequence
and the 2-byte character code sequence;

wherein the 1-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 1-byte tag and a plurality of
1-byte character codes, the 1-byte tag indicating a name of an item, and the plurality of 1-byte
character codes indicating a content of the item;

wherein the 2-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 2-byte tag and a plurality of
2-byte character codes, the 2-byte tag indicating a name of an item, and the plurality of 2-byte
character codes indicating a content of the item; and

wherein the type information is a first terminated code and a second terminated code which
are included in the text information;

wherein the first terminated code is stored at the start of the text storage area when the text
information stored in the text storage area does not include the 1-byte character code sequence, and
the first terminated code is stored in the text storage area at the end of the 1-byte character code
sequence when the text information stored in the text storage area includes the 1-byte character code
sequence;

wherein the second terminated code is stored in the text storage area at a position immediately
after the first terminated code when the text information stored in the text storage area does not
include the 2-byte character code sequence, and the second terminated code is stored in the text
storage area at the end of the 2-byte character code sequence when the text information stored in the
text storage area includes the 2-byte character code sequence; and

wherein a storage position of the first terminated code and a storage position of the second
terminated code in the text storage area are indicative of whether the text information is type (a), type
(b), or type (c);

a reproducing device operable to reproduce the read out audio information; and

a control device operable to control a display unit to display either the 1-byte character code sequence or a 2-byte character code sequence in accordance with the read out type information.

18. (New) A reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:

an identification mark information storing device operable to store pairs of the item of the text information and mark information;

wherein the control device controls the display unit to display the content of the item with the corresponding mark information in accordance with the read out type information.